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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1954

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

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The Medical Officer of Health holds in addition the following appointments:-

Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Wareham.
Medical Officer of Health for the Wareham and Purbeck Rural District.
Assistant Medical Officer, Dorset County Council.

Office accommodation and clerical assistance is provided for the Medical Officer of Health jointly by the Authorities concerned.

The Sanitary Inspector in addition to his statutory duties is also Building Licences Officer and Authorised Officer under the Pet Animals Act.

The Works Committee of the Council deals with all matters concerning Public Health.

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PREFACE

Public Health Office,
12a Institute Road,
Swanage.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Swanage Urban District Council.

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the Swanage Urban District for the Year 1954.

The Report is set out in sections in the following order:-

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The Report is made in accordance with the provisions of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935, and of the Sanitary Officers Order, 1926, and conforms in general in form and content to that requested in the Ministry of Health Circulars 1/54 and 28/54. Copies of this Report are being sent to the various Ministries as requested and to the County Council.

The health of the district remained satisfactory throughout 1954. The incidence of infectious disease generally speaking was very low, and no case of serious infectious disease was notified.

The vital statistics for the district compare very favourably with those for the country as a whole, and call for little comment. Live births were 14 more, and deaths were 5 fewer than in 1953.

There can be little doubt that, although much progress has been made since the war, in the provision of houses, the need for improved housing accommodation for many still exists in the district.

I wish to record my appreciation of the kindness and consideration of the Council, and to thank the other Officials of the Council for their help and co-operation during the year, and especially your Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Greenwood, who has helped to complete this report.

Medical Officer of Health

May, 1955.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

General Statistics

1. Area of the Urban District -

   2,762 acres with a further 31 acres of foreshore.

2. Population -

At Census 1951	6,853
As estimated by Registrar General - mid 1954 ...	7,020

3. Total number of inhabited houses according to the Rate Book:-

At end of 1953	2,293
At end of 1954	2,331

4. Rateable value at 1st. April, 1954 ... ... £75,074

5. Sum represented by Penny Rate £300

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1954

	Total	Male	Female
Live Births			
Total registered	86	47	39
Legitimate	83	44	39
Illegitimate	3	3	-
Still Births			
Total registered	1	-	1
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Deaths			
Total registered	87	41	46
Infant Mortality			
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:			
Total registered	-	-	-
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age:			
Total registered	-	-	-
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

BIRTH, DEATH AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES - 1954

Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 Home Population 12·3

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 Home Population 12·4

Area Comparability factors

Births 1·16 Deaths 0·69

	Swanage	England & Wales
Live Birth Rate(Standardised) per 1,000 Home Population	14·3	15·2
Still Birth Rate(Standardised) per 1,000 Total (Live and Still Births)	11·5	24·0
Death Rate(Standardised) per 1,000 Home Population	8·6	11·3
Infant Mortality Rates per 1,000 Live Births		
All causes under 1 year of age	0·00	25·5
Enteritis and diarrhoea (under 2 years)	0·00	0·8

CAUSES OF DEATH - YEAR 1954

(Supplied by the Registrar General)

	Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-	1
2	Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3	Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4	Diphtheria	-	-	-
5	Whooping cough	-	-	-
6	Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7	Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8	Measles	-	-	-
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	1	-	1
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-	1
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ...	2	-	2
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
14	Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms ...	3	3	6
15	Leukemia, aleukemia	-	1	1
16	Diabetes	1	-	1
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	9	6	15
18	Coronary disease, angina	3	3	6
19	Hypertension with heart disease ...	3	-	3
20	Other heart diseases	8	23	31
21	Other circulatory diseases	1	2	3
22	Influenza	1	-	1
23	Pneumonia	1	-	1
24	Bronchitis	2	2	4
25	Other diseases of respiratory system ...	-	-	-
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	1	-	1
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ...	-	-	-
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	-	-	-
31	Congenital malformations	-	-	-
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	1	2	3
33	Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-
34	All other accidents	1	-	1
35	Suicide	-	1	1
36	Homicide and operations of war ...	-	-	-
		41	46	87

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

There has been no change in the source of water supply or in the method of treatment during the year. A description of the source and treatment of the supply appeared in the annual report for the year 1952.

Orders were placed during the year for two electric pumps for the Corfe Castle well, and one borehole pump for the Ulwell source with the object of increasing the pumping capacity. During the year approximately 300 yards of the Corfe Castle-Ulwell main was relaid.

No shortage of water was experienced during the year. It is, however, becoming apparent that with the increasing number of visitors to Swanage the water supply is becoming strained almost to its limits in dry summers.

In addition to the samples taken for bacteriological examination, 40 samples were taken from the Corfe Castle and 40 from the Ulwell supply for the estimation of residual chlorine at the Public Health Laboratory, Dorchester.

The quality of the water as supplied to the consumer has been maintained at a highly satisfactory level.

Bacteriological Examinations

Number of water samples taken:-	Untreated	Treated
Corfe Castle source	38	76
Ulwell source	38	38

Results of bacteriological examinations

Untreated Water

Probable number of B.coli MacConkey 2 days, 37°C per 100 ml	Number of Samples			
	Corfe Castle Well		Ulwell Well	
	Total	Faecal coli	Total	Faecal coli
Nil	4	6	26	32
1 - 2	2	1	4	2
3 - 10	6	5	6	2
10 - 25	4	4	1	1
25 - 100	14	14	1	1
100 - 150	-	-	-	-
Over 150	8	-	-	-

Approximately 84% of the samples of raw water from the Corfe Castle well showed presence of faecal B. Coli and indicates that the well is being polluted by the nearby Corfe river.

In approximately 84% of the samples of raw water from the Ulwell source faecal B.Coli were absent.

Treated Water

Probable number of B.coli MacConkey 2 days, 37°C per 100 ml.	Number of Samples			
	Corfe Castle Well		Ulwell Well	
	Total	Faecal coli	Total	Faecal Coli
Nil	75	76	34	37
1 - 2	-	-	1	-
3 - 10	1	-	2	-
Over 180	-	-	1	1

There was no explanation for the one unsatisfactory sample of treated water from Ulwell, other than that it was due to a sampling error. A repeat sample gave a highly satisfactory result.

CHEMICAL ANALYSES

Corfe Castle Well

Certificate of Analysis

of a sample of water marked "Corfe Castle Well" received from the Swanage Urban District Council.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above mentioned Sample with the following results: (expressed as parts per million)

Ammonia, free	0·040	Ammonia, albuminoid ...	0·050
Nitrites	absent	Nitrates, as Nitric Nitrogen	4·33
Oxygen absorbed in 15 mins. at 80°F...	0·439	Oxygen absorbed in 4 hrs. at 80°F ...	0·603
Chlorine	35·2	Chlorine as Sodium Chloride	58·01
Hardness, temporary ...	136·25	Total solids	254·0
" permanent ...	15·00	pH value	7·6
" total ...	151·25	Metals: Lead, zinc, copper, iron absent.	
Appearance: Colourless and clear.		Odour: none.	

Remarks:

This is a clear bright water, containing some, but not an undue amount of organic matter.

The results show no sign of pollution, and in my opinion, from a chemical point of view, this water is very suitable for both drinking and domestic purposes.

(Signed) ARTHUR S. CARLOS.
Public Analyst.

Ulwell Well

Certificate of Analysis

of a sample of water marked "Ulwell Well" received from the Swanage Urban District Council.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above mentioned Sample with the following results: (expressed as parts per million)

Ammonia, free	0·010	Ammonia, albuminoid ...	0·202
Nitrites	absent	Nitrates, as Nitric Nitrogen	2·26
Oxygen absorbed in 15 mins. at 80°F...	0·147	Oxygen absorbed in 4 hrs. at 80°F ...	0·407
Chlorine	36·2	Chlorine as Sodium Chloride	59·66
Hardness, temporary ...	168·75	Total solids	280·0
" permanent ...	10·0	pH value	7·5
" total ...	178·75	Metals: Lead, zinc, copper, iron absent.	
Appearance: Colourless and Clear.		Odour: None.	

Remarks:

The above results are very satisfactory. They indicate that this is a clear, bright, somewhat hard water, of good organic purity and showing no signs of pollution.

In my opinion, from a chemical point of view, this water is very suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.

(Signed) ARTHUR S. CARLOS.
Public Analyst.

Water Supply to Houses in the District

Total number of houses in the district	...	...	2331
Number of houses with piped supply	...	...	2321
Number of houses served with standpipe	...	...	3
Number of houses served by private well	...	...	4
Number of houses relying on rainwater	...	...	3

The statutory area of supply for Swanage Urban District Council's water undertaking, includes the parish of Langton Matravers and Corfe Castle village in the Wareham and Purbeck Rural District.

Sewerage and Drainage

With the exception of the Durlston area, the sewage from Swanage is discharged untreated into the sea off Peveril Point. The outfall sewer for Durlston area discharges untreated sewage into deep water at Durlston Bay. No evidence of any nuisance has been observed or reported within the district or neighbouring districts as a result of these methods of disposal.

Complaints continue to be received from occupiers of certain houses in Ulwell Road, of flooding from the sewer after very heavy rainfall.

Surface water is drained mainly into the Swanage and Ulwell streams, or directly on to the foreshore. In some areas, however, surface water is discharged into the sewers. This latter method is discouraged so as to relieve the pressure in the soil sewers.

Closet Accommodation

Number of dwelling houses draining to cesspool		...	11
Number of dwelling houses with pail closets		...	42
Number of cesspools constructed during the year		...	2
Number of cesspools abolished	...	...	-
Number of pail closets abolished	...	...	-

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

Summary of Visits and Inspections

Public Health and Housing Acts

Dwelling houses (preliminary visits)	120
Dwelling houses (re-visits and works in progress) ...	148
Council houses inspections	70
Requisitioned properties	20
Cinemas and Dance Halls	24
Drainage: Preliminary visits	38
Tests	24
Re-visits	52
Public sewer	15
Visits re accumulation of refuse	12
Caravan sites	90
Clearance area sites	7
Yards, courts and passages	6
Public conveniences	60
Infectious diseases enquiries and visits	22
Infectious diseases disinfections carried out ...	14
Visits to persons requiring care and attention and verminous conditions	12
Inspections of refuse tip	20
Smoke observations	5
Stable inspections	7
Housing applications	18
Inspection of piggeries	12

Food and Drugs Act

Meat allocation department	50
Butcher shops	147
Fried Fish Shops	45
Wet Fish shops	38
Grocers shops	64
Greengrocers	21
Licensed premises	39
Cafes, restaurants, Ice Cream & Food preparation premises	343
Dairies, cowsheds and milkshops	75
Bakehouses	64

General

Local Land Charge Searches	37
Factories Act	80
Miscellaneous visits	114
Interviews with builders, agents and owners ...	43
Visits to Waterworks	32
Rodent Control	160
Building Licences	12
Pathological Laboratory	8
Swanage County School lectures	2

Statutory and Informal Notices
(Public Health Acts, Housing Acts and Factory Act)

The following table shows the action taken to secure the abatement of nuisances and the removal of conditions dangerous or injurious to health:-

Notices	Number served	Number complied with	Outstanding
Informal	76	70	6
Statutory	2	1	1

Disinfection: There is no steam disinfection in Swanage, but where this type of disinfection is considered necessary articles of clothing and bedding are taken to the Alderney Hospital, Parkstone, where they undergo high pressure steam disinfection. Spray and fumigant disinfection is carried out by the Council's staff.

Verminous Premises: There was no serious infestation of premises during the year. In the minor cases reported effective measures were taken by spraying with a suitable insecticide.

Refuse Collection: A weekly collection of refuse from private dwelling houses and trade premises was maintained during the year. In cases where an additional collection was necessary from trade premises a charge was made.

Refuse Disposal: The disposal of refuse in the town is by means of "controlled tipping" in old quarry workings.

Smoke Abatement: It was not found necessary to take action for the abatement of smoke nuisance in the area during the year.

Camping Sites: The following fields were licenced by the Council as sites for moveable dwellings:-

Fields:	O.S. No. 32	O.S. No. 133	O.S. No. 246
	O.S. No. 46	O.S. No. 133a	O.S. No. 259
	O.S. No. 47	O.S. No. 167	O.S. No. 269
	O.S. No. 94	O.S. No. 170	O.S. No. 269a
	O.S. No. 122	O.S. No. 190	

The only period for which occupation of caravans is permitted is from April to September, and during this time regular inspections are carried out. All sites now have water closets installed for use where no chemical closet is provided within the caravan.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The following is a copy of the Rodent Officer's Report -

Inspections	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Business Premises	Agricultural	Total
Properties inspected ...	3	501	88	10	602
Found to be rat infested ..	3	13	10	2	28
Found to be mice infested..	-	48	17	-	65
Treated by Local Authority.	3	27	10	D.A.E.C.	40

All rat infestations of a minor character.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply:

The Order made by the Minister of Health under Section 45 of the Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies and Artificial Cream) Act, 1950, specifying an area, which included Swanage Urban District, in which the use of special designation in relation to milk sold by retail becomes obligatory, came into force on March 1st. 1954. All milk now sold by retail in the district is either "pasteurised","tuberculin tested pasteurised" or"tuberculin tested".

There are two registered dairies and two registered milk distributors in the district.

Milk Special Designation Regulations, 1949 - 1953.

The following licences issued by the Council were in force at 31.12.54.

	Pasteurised Milk	Tuberculin tested
Number of Dealers' Licences	1	2

Milk Sampling:

The following are particulars of milk samples taken in the district by the Food and Drugs Authority:-

Designation	No. of Samples	Result of Tests			
		Methylene Blue		Phosphatase	
		Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed
Pasteurised	109	108	1	108	1
Pasteurised T.T.	23	23	-	23	-
Tuberculin tested	4	4	-		

In addition, one Pasteuriser's (Dealers) Licence is issued by the Food and Drugs Authority, and there is one licenced producer-retailer of tuberculin tested milk in the district. During the year one Dealer ceased to pasteurise and bottle milk; this dairy now deals only in milk treated and bottled at premises outside the district.

Ice Cream: Supervision of premises was maintained during the year and 25 samples were submitted for the methylene blue reductase test in accordance with the Ice Cream (Heat-treatment) Regulations, and the following results were obtained:-

21 samples ... Provisional Grade 1. 2 samples ... Provisional Grade 2.
2 samples ... Provisional Grade 3

In addition samples of iced lollies were taken and proved satisfactory. It is the practice to sample bulk ice cream more frequently than wrapped ice cream manufactured by the large firms, as it is felt that there is more risk of contamination in the former method of sale.

Food Premises: Constant inspections are maintained of all premises where food is prepared or offered for sale. The Minister has not yet made any regulations under the new Food and Drugs Act, 1938-54.

Slaughter Houses: With the ending of meat rationing during the year, the responsibility for the licensing of private slaughter houses remained with the local authority, but no applications were received to licence premises as slaughter houses within the district.

1. Number of Food Premises by Type of Business in the Area.

Grocers and General Stores	21	Bakeries	4
Green Grocers	6	Fish Shops (Wet) ...	4
Butchers Shops	7	Fish Shops (Fried)...	3
Licensed Premises ...	13	Confectioners(selling ice cream)	34
Cafes and Restaurants ... (excluding hotels, private hotels, guest houses)	29		

2. Number of Food Premises by type Registered

(a) Under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act.

Manufacture of sausages ...	7	Sale of Ice Cream ...	34
Fish Frying	3	Manufacture of ice cream ...	2

(b) Under Milk and Dairies Regulations

Dairy Premises 2

3. Number of inspections of registered food premises

Premises for manufacturing sausages	147
Fish Frying promises	45
Ice Cream premises	97
Dairy premises	48

Notices: Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

Informal notices served	63
Informal notices complied with	61
Informal notices outstanding	2

Food Condemned

Fresh Meat

Beef	720 lbs.
Boneless buttock	
Boneless silverside	
Liver	
Pork sausages	

Meat (tinned)

Corned beef	576 lbs. 12 ozs.
Luncheon meat	
Beef rolls	
Jellied veal	
Pork butts	
Stewed steak	
Chicken	
Ham	
Bacon	

Fresh Fish

Cod	44 lbs.
Prawns	13 "
Kippers	37 "
Fish Cakes	14 "

Fish (tinned)

Sardines	13 lbs.
Pilchards	
Salmon	
Roes	

Vegetables (tinned)

Peas	46 tins
Carrots	34 "
Mixed vegetables	6 "
Tomato	35 "
Baked beans	42 "

Fruit (tinned)

Cherries	14 "
Plums	46 "
Greengages	40 "
Grapes	12 "
Pineapple	47 "
Apricot pulp	31 "
Peach pulp	12 "
Apples	17 "
Pears	6 "

Milk and Milk Products

Milk	47 tins

Miscellaneous

Sauce	7 bottles
Tomato soup	33 tins
Spaghetti	19 "
Jam	13 "
Marmalade	

HOUSING

The provisions of the Housing Repairs and Rent Acts, 1954, which came into force on 30th. August, 1954, broadly speaking, facilitate the exercise of the Council's statutory responsibility for the clearance and replacement of unfit houses, the enforcement of essential repairs to render houses fit and the encouragement of improvement of existing houses, and the conversion of houses or other buildings to provide dwellings.

The Act requires the Council to submit for the Minister's approval proposals for dealing with houses in their area which appear to them to be unfit for human habitation, and liable for demolition. In order to obtain a reliable estimate of the number of these houses in the district the Council's Sanitary Inspector is carrying out a survey.

Fortunately, the greater number of unfit houses in the district were dealt with by way of clearance orders just before the war. The majority have been demolished and the remainder are unoccupied. Many of the individually unfit houses are old stone cottages let at very low rents, and it is economically impossible for the owners to render them fit and improve the amenities unless assisted by way of improvement grant. The alternative is that, the owner must submit to a demolition order in respect of the house and the tenant's name is added to the list of applicants for rehousing by the Council. Another class of house, of which there are not a few in Swanage, is that described in the Ministry of Housing and Local Government circulars as those which, though they are soundly constructed and in good repair lack the amenities and conveniences which have come to be regarded as essential to a decent and healthy life. It is pointed out in the Ministry's circulars that this type of house is well on the way to permanant unfitness, as the owners have no incentive to maintain their property, and it is only a matter of time before they become a statutory responsibility of the local authority. The provision of improvement grants to owners of this type of property would do much to raise the standard of houses in the district, and prevent many houses from rapid deterioration into the category of houses which are liable to demolition.

Housing Act, 1949, Section 20.

Number of Applications received for Improvement Grant ...	5
Number of houses inspected	Nil
Number of Applications approved for Grant	Nil

No houses were built by the Council during the year. The number of applicants for Council houses increased by 47, consequently there is little prospect of the use of the Tilly Whim hutments being discontinued as housing accommodation. A total number of 39 houses were built in the district during 1954 compared with 97 in the previous year.

Number of applicants on the Council's list for accommodation 31.12.54. -	246
Number of families in emergency housing accommodation 31.12.54 -	85

Approximately one third of the licencees of emergency housing accommodation are not applicants for Council houses.

Number of huts requisitioned at Tilly Whim	24
Number of huts occupied 31.12.54	21
Number of houses held under requisition	18
Number of houses de-requisitioned during 1954	4
Number of units of accommodation made available for rehousing at 31.12.54, exclusive of Tilly Whim hutments	63

Local Authority's Housing Programme

Houses Completed 1954	Houses in course of construction 31.12.54.	Proposed houses 1955	Total Council Houses
Nil	Nil	50	Pre war 165) Post war 180) 345

Housing Inspection

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year

i (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under both Public Health & Housing Acts) ... 120
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 268

ii (a) Number of dwelling houses(included under sub-heading (i) above which were inspected and recorded under the housing Consolidation Regulations 1925-1932 ... ... -
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ... -

iii Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous as to be prejudicial to health and unfit for habitation ... ... -

iv Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 76

2. Remedy of Defects During the Year without Service of Formal Notice

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority ... 70

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year

(a) Proceedings under Section 9,10 & 16, Housing Acts, 1936.
i Number of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ... -
ii Number of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notice (a) By owners ... ... -
(b) By local authority in default of owners -

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts
i Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... 2
ii Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice ... ...
(a) By Owners 1
(b) By local authority in default of owners -

(c) Proceedings under Section 11 & 13 Housing Act 1936
i Number of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made 1
ii Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders 1

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936
i Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made ... ... -
ii Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were determined, the tenement or room having been made fit. ... ... -

(e) Proceedings under Section 3(i) Housing Act, 1949
Number of dwelling houses in respect of which closing orders were made ... ... -

New Houses

Total number of houses erected during 1954 39

Houses erected during the year with State assistance ... -

Number of houses owned by the Local Authority 345

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The number of cases of notifiable infectious disease in the district was comparatively few during 1954. 12 cases of whooping cough were notified compared with 95 for 1953. There were no cases of measles notified during 1954, whereas 241 cases were notified during 1953. The number of cases of pneumonia notified was higher than ususal, there being 14 cases compared with 3 for the preceding year.

Apart from tuberculosis there were no other cases of infectious disease or food poisoning notified.

With the exception of one death from pneumonia there were no deaths due to notifiable disease.

Notifications (Corrected) Figures

Disease	1st. Qtr.	2nd. Qtr.	3rd. Qtr.	4th. Qtr.	Total	Admitted to Hospital
Whooping cough	1	-	2	9	12	-
Pneumonia	2	2	5	5	14	2
Tuberculosis - pulmonary	-	-	-	3	3	3
non-pulmonary	1	-	-	-	1	-

Cases of Infectious Diseases Notified during 1954

Disease	Total	Age Groups							
		Under 1	1-2	3 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 24	25-Ov.	A.U.
Whooping cough	12	-	-	3	4	5	-	-	-
		Under 5		5 - 14	15 - 44	45 - 64	65 Ov.		A.U.
Ac. Pneumonia	14	1		6	3	1	3		-
Tuberculosis - pulmonary	3	-		-	3	-	-		-
non-pulmonary	1	-		-	-	1	-		-

Scabies and Verminous Conditions

There were no cases of scabies or verminous conditions reported during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Section 47. Removal of Persons in Need of Care and Attention to Suitable Premises

It has not been necessary to take any action under this section of the Act during the year.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

Part I of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for the Purposes of Provisions as to Health (including Inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector)

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	33	36	3	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	48	55	5	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority(excluding Outworkers premises)	-	-	-	-
	81	91	8	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found:-

Particulars	Number of Cases in which Defects were found				No. of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S1)	12	12	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature(S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation(S4)	5	5	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	1	1	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)					
a)Insufficient	3	3	-	-	-
b)Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	-	-
c)Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act(not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
	24	24	-	-	-

Part VIII of the Act

OUTWORK

Section 110 and 111

During the year one outworker was employed in the district.

METEOROLOGY

I am indebted to the Meteorological Observer for the following data:-

1954 Month	Rainfall	Sunshine	Temp. °F Max.	Min.
January	1·38	68·4	43·4	35·7
February	2·98	82·2	44·0	35·0
March	4·09	130·7	49·0	39·7
April	·22	242·7	53·2	39·6
May	1·54	189·4	59·4	45·5
June	1·83	185·3	60·1	50·1
July	3.705	168.6	64.2	53.3
August	2·82	200.2	65.7	53.8
September	3·07	183·2	62·76	51·4
October	3·64	97·2	60·2	50·8
November	5·4	55·6	53·8	41·4
December	2·4	52·2	51·0	43·0
Monthly Average	2·756	137·9	55·54	44·94